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REMEMBERING 9/11

Atlanta –Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens urges Georgians to pause and remember those who perished almost 10 years ago in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, especially the 343 firefighters who lost their life in the World Trade Center. Listed below is the Fireman's Prayer written by Firefighter A.W. "Smokey" Linn in 1958. Commissioner Hudgens would also like to encourage Georgia citizens that live near Brunswick, Georgia to visit Fire Station Number 1, where a 100-pound, three-foot steel beam from the ruins of the World Trade Center is now on permanent display.

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a life,
whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late,
or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert,
and hear the weakest shout,
quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling,
to give the best in me,
to guard my friend and neighbor,
and protect his property.
And if according to Your will
I must answer death's call,
bless with Your protecting hand,
my family one and all.